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In re Application of:

YUKIYOSHI HIKICHI

Application No.: 09/745,480

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METHOD THEREFOR, AND  
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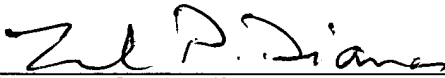
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For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English JP 6-111019 document, the Examiner is referred to the accompanying English abstract. For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English JP 11-45225 document, the Examiner is referred to the accompanying English abstract and the listed counterpart European application.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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